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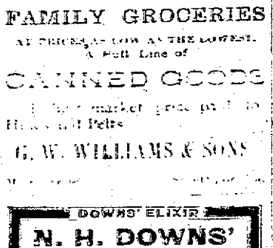

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CHAPTER VII.
DINING OUT.

Miss Willis and her escort, Mr. Bassett, bringing up the rear.

That night found Windward in the midst of delightful company. The genial Rev. Dr. Shepherd, Louise's pastor, Miss Bills and his buxom, and—as well-known—famous for her good stories, Quartermaster Griggs, of the navy; a Mr. Perkins, who lived in Shanghai with his wife, a Miss Willis, and himself, as guests. It was a choice group. All seemed in a mood of fun, and capable of enjoying it. Louise was radiantly beautiful and incapacitating spirits, the hostess herself was in high feather, the cares of off programs as easily and brilliantly as a skillful pianist frolics over the keyboard. The jests started at the dinner table and the light between Mrs. Griggs, Chairman Faversham senator's wife, over the appointment of Lieut. Burgess, and all creatures in the Diplomatic corps, to new set of china and how to tell real Satsuma from American imitations, the work of the associated charities, dancing, etc. Windward saw his part was to listen and observe. This people could teach him both knowledge of the weather interesting. It was not a Nov. minor meteors. Whistle flash was the word play now humor in bright, mild sheets; now wit, darting zigzag in streaks of flame, hot shot, mad by gay, quick sparks. Here stars on a frolic. It was small talk, of course, but what of it? Suppose, in a garden, we pick at humming birds to dissect, and think goldfish better for a close up against than walruses?

There to begin with at the head of the table sat Mr. McArdle, one of the noted story-tellers of Washington, which means one of the best in the world. And to right and left of his mettle, for like most men of original character he had a streak of vanity in his composition, and he knew that Grace, that fashionable society, would be retailing his good stories on the morrow at the Metropolitan club and four hotels. Possibly the colonel, a social man, invited Griggs to dinner now and then on this account, and possibly Griggs, old diner out, knew how to get at not only McArdles but many others.

McArdle had one of those retentive and well memorized which make acquisitions possible. We read of great people who like every soldier in their armies's name, and in like manner McArdle could summon from the well ordered files of his memory the fact for the time. This faculty gave him a great attraction in mixed companies and in discursive conversation. He seemed equally versed in theology, politics, travel literature and fashion, for of all men he knew when to be silent, what paths to avoid, how far to go and how to turn. Thus he trod securely, whether he praised the eloquence of the minor prophets, criticised the magazines, protested against the latest freak in millinery or complimented Miss Willis on her beautiful eyes. Beautiful indeed they were, and glowing brightly to-night, as not only the observant colonel had noticed, but Louise, and the experienced Griggs, and her neighbor, young Mr. Bassett.

Ah, she was a pretty girl! Such dark, soft eyes gently brevity such a glow of [illegible] with no real love of love to make it worth the terror, such a rich, if not complexion, which showed first young, with a flood coursed in her veins, as if love [illegible] when at rest, as if love [illegible] very [illegible] by love's coming [illegible] somewhere, as [illegible]. A sweet face this and experienced in a many methods of artfully [illegible] hair, giving her a dash by beauty, like the ruffled velvet of a tea rose.

Till the dinner was ending Windward had paid little to his fair neighbor beyond the polite civilities of the dining table, though he had remarked her beauty at first, and met it ease by her cordial manners. To say truth, they had both been too much interested in McArdle's colloquies with the older guests to seek to entertain each other. But now the colonel seemed disposed to bring out the young end of the table, and led on by his adroit direction the blushing miss was soon making bright, pert speeches to every one's enjoyment, and to her own most of all, for she saw, thanks to the colonel's piloting, she was showing to advantage.

"I like girls of her age," remarked McArdle later on in the evening to the Rev. Dr. Shepherd. "The anxiety they show to be charming is really a most refined flattery. How plainly such a young woman shows her sincere desire to please! How grateful and happy she is if she finds she is making herself agreeable!"

Louise had much of the colonel's tact for making friends appear at their best. She said little herself, keeping her alert eyes and ears in table order, anticipating every wish and need; watching the service, and only giving the conversation a nudge now and then at a lull. Louise was truly hospitable, and so was not obliged to hide a lack of real cordiality behind the cant phrases of welcome. We do not write "This is a home" under a sketch by Rosa Bonheur; and, similarly, Louise's hospitality was always intelligible and satisfying by its own truthfulness. It was worth studying, that smooth, simple, graceful management of the hostess, dignified but full of good cheer, easy but not slack. Mrs. Bills did study it, and went away to sound Miss Sheffield's praises. "Everybody is a lady nowadays," she said, "but that Louise Sheffield is a real gentlewoman."

What wonder if, between such a host and hostess, the guests were ready to join the politic Griggs, in holding that civilization culminates in the perfect dinner. And perfect it had been, though just at the close Windward noticed for the first time the absence of wine.

The feast broke up with an absurd story from Mr. Pollok, who over the nuts and raisins had been drawn into talking of travel. He said that in the Malay peninsula a curious insect abounded, known as the leaf insect, from its power of assuming the color and appearance of dried leaves. Hence the natives in gathering kindling for their simple fires would often unwittingly collect an armful of these creatures instead, and when they heaped them under the pot and applied a firebrand, what would be the cook's astonishment and chagrin to find his singed and frightened kindlings wriggle off to cover in a thousand directions.

"Doctor," inquired Senator Bills of his vis-a-vis, the clergyman, "I ask you, as an expert, where do people go who tell such stories?"

"I don't know," replied Dr. Shepherd—the dinner was over, and all were rising—"but for myself I am going to follow the ladies to the parlor."

We look to the clergy to lead in all good movements," said McArdle, waving the doctor and Mrs. Bills gracefully toward the parlor, and without much formality the other guests followed, Miss Willis and her escort, Mr. Bassett, bringing up the rear, save as Col. McArdle had been detained an instant by some casual incident, and followed on with Senator Bills at a little distance from the rest of the group; a natural and wholly unimportant fact, this, and the only wonder was that Windward knew who was before or behind him, with such a lovely burden on his arm. Nor were his perceptions clear, but as the two gentlemen came up behind him he overheard McArdle say something about a railroad and a committee, and mention one or two very well known public men.

And Senator Bills' reply was very distinct, "Well, as you say, that is quite important, and I shall look it up in the morning." There was no postprandial, anecdotal sportiveness in those tones. Very clearly, for one moment, the two men, host and guest, were talking business.

"Now I wonder—I should just like to know," thought the young lawyer, "if all of us got that good dinner so McArdle could quite accidentally mention that interesting fact, whatever it was, to Senator Bills."

But here he was recalled from dreamland by a coquettish pinch on the arm. "A penny for your thoughts," said the pouting miss.

"To tell the truth, I was thinking what charming neighbors one finds at a dinner in Washington."

"Oh, of course!" she replied demurely, mollified and smiling.

CHAPTER VIII.
THE GREAT WHITE DOME.

"So you found McArdle interesting?" Stevens asked Windward—the clerk had taken an afternoon from office, and the two friends were walking up Pennsylvania avenue to the Capitol.

"Fascinating," replied Windward. "Full of good stories, all short, which he tells rarely well, quick in repartee, epigrammatic, sharp in speech but not bitter, and, I am told, very kind and warm hearted. His behavior to women is beautiful."

"And you admire Miss Sheffield, I presume?"

"Oh, very much!" said Windward. "She is a perfect lady and truly beautiful. She is quiet, too, but in a different manner. And that's the way she manages the colonel! is wonderful. Miss

[illegible]

[illegible] is a curious girl."

Windward [illegible] "Am I plays [illegible]

"Not [illegible]" said Windward, "that Mc[illegible] a mystery, and I do think [illegible] it is time I was to question now, and [illegible] nothing so much as to read the Latin and English classics in his ship [illegible] By the way, I must make my digest, we call them, to-night."

"These things go slow, but I mean to push it."

"I suppose," he continued, "many of these people we see along here are famous?"

"Oh, yes, more or less," replied Stevens. "Great men are common in Washington. That man on ahead with a slouch hat and baggy trousers is Senator ——"

"Really!" exclaimed Windward, so very much interested that Stevens laughed and said congressmen did not amount to much on Pennsylvania avenue. And to prove it he pointed out two or three more celebrities whose person and fame he treated with scant respect.

They were by this time mounting the long flight of steps by which the visitor from the west reaches the main floor of the Capitol. The scenery, as they rose, expanded and grew delightful and inspiring, and before and far above them loomed the vast white dome, like the solemn throne of liberty.

"Wait a minute," said Windward as they reached the upper plateau.

"These steps do tire one, don't they?" exclaimed Stevens, panting.

"Yes, but it isn't that," said Windward, "I want to look at the building. How noble, how truly noble it is! Peter, I am proud of my country!"

"Yes," said Peter, with a shrug, "but then you must not live in Washington."

"Oh, I don't know," retorted Windward, a little vexed at his friend's cynicism. "It didn't spoil my Uncle Tom. One of the last things he said to me was to love my country, and that its beauty and value rose above the petty, every day scramble for advantage as this great dome rises above the shanties at its base. I see now the very shanties he meant, but I do not propose to let them ever shut out the dome, and you must not. Honestly, I don't like to see you losing your old fashioned enthusiasm. You remember Hawthorne's story of the 'Great Stone Face' we read in college—the boy, you know, who lived beneath the Old Man of the Mountain, and who came to love and revere the profile so much that finally his own face assumed its noble outlines? I am sure one might live so here, under the dome, that his character would mature like that grand, white, rounded crown."

"You are right, Windward," said Stevens thoughtfully. "And as I have said before, I am glad you have come. I needed you."

They now entered the building, pushing open mean, small, swinging doors that sprang back upon them like snapping turtles. It was not a very gracious welcome, and once inside they saw nothing for the moment to impress them. A peanut stand guarded the portal of the temple of liberty; beyond it rose yet another flight of steps, and on either hand were vistas of gloomy basement halls.

"What an extraordinary entrance!" exclaimed Windward.

"Oh," explained Stevens, "a long ago speculation in real estate turned Washington wrong side around, so we have to sneak into the temple through a hole in the back fence and up the kitchen stairs. You will see where you are in a moment. Come, one more flight."

"Excelsior!" cried Windward, and up they went. Then a step, and they had exchanged, as by magic, a dungeon for a palace.

He must have a cheap soul who can enter the rotunda of the Capitol and unmoved survey for the first time the mimic firmament of its dome and the memorable paintings that glorify the walls. Even the jaded clerk, to whom the vision was familiar, felt its beauty, and Windward, as he stopped at the threshold, could for the moment only look up and about him with ejaculations of wonder and awe.

"Peter," he said at length, with a simplicity that made his words the more touching, "this is ours. We own this—you and I and our fellow citizens. Nobody came over to rule us; nobody has a 'divine right' to 'boss' us. This is our home; our country. Peter, do you know I feel half ashamed, standing here, that I was too young in the war to fight for it, and so have all this, as it were, for nothing!"

But the scene was too stirring for reverie. The wide spaces of the floor were crowded with bustling knots of visitors, and in the midst flowed the swift, full channel of the stream of which these clusters were the reaches and eddies. Into this midcurrent the two young men were soon drawn, and then swept south by it, the jam and tumult in crossing as they proceeded till the tributary in a spray of cards and questions against two busy doorkeepers, and was there and by them deflected east and west in confusion.

"The house is right inside there," said Stevens, espying and pointing in past the doorkeepers.

"Wish to see anybody?" asked one of these hard worked officers in polite but short, sharp tones, as they lingered in front of the door. "Stand aside, then. Next. Who wished to see Gen. B——? Yes, sir? He is not in his seat. Judge K—— said he would be out directly, sir. No, sir. I haven't a card; that man yonder will write you one. Wish Mr. F——? Go to the west door. I haven't a pencil, madam; that man over there will accommodate you. Keep a path, gentlemen. No sir, I haven't a card; you'll find one over yonder. Who wants Judge K——? There he is, sir. Don't know what the gentleman is hearing the rules. Impossible to hear [illegible] yourself."

The young men had been standing one side of the [illegible] amused at the scene, and [illegible] to leave, when Stevens exclaimed:

"Why not see your member, Windward, about the [illegible] You might as well be in every time."

"Oh, I don't know!" said Bassett, rather alarmed at the suggestion. "Would it be proper?"

"Why, of course," Stevens replied. "Everybody you [illegible] is after something, like yourself. Just send in your card and we'll find out how the case stands."

Very well, if you say so," said Windward quite timidly. "Here, you give the man the card."

Stevens did so at once, and the doorkeeper promptly disappeared to come again presently with the information that the member would be out directly; and sure enough that august personage was at his heels—a stout, smart, prosperous looking man, with a professional smile and sly eye.

"Mr. Bassett, I believe?" he said, addressing Windward cordially. "I'm very glad to meet you, sir; always glad to meet my constituents. Your friend, Mr. Stevens? Ah! happy to meet you, too, sir. On a visit to Washington, gentlemen? Charming city, this. Fine winter climate."

"I called to ask you about the French spoliation claims," said Windward, a little abruptly and awkwardly.

"Oh! yes, yes," replied the member rather uneasily, but smiling his best and broadest. "The French claims. Yes. Well, we hope to do something on that this winter. You introduced the bill, and I shall push it; yes, I shall push it. It has been read a first and second time and referred to committee."

"Ah! indeed," said Windward, quite in the dark as to what all that meant, but conscious that he was called upon to feel and show gratitude.

"Of course," the representative went on, "these things go slow, but I mean to push it."

"So Mr. Blamms said you told him," observed Windward.

"Oh, you know Blamms, then?" said the congressman, with his blandest, wisest, kindest smile. "A most estimable man. I had a letter from him only the other day. Yes, Blamms is a fine man, and what a charming wife he has! You don't know her? Ah, you miss it. Mrs. Blamms is a grand, good woman, and notably handsome, too, and such sweet children. Pray give them my best regards when you return. You said you were to be here only for a flying visit?"

"I may remain some time," explained Windward.

"Ah, yes," replied the member, smiling resolutely in his pain, like an Indian brave under torture, or a Spartan youth at his lessons in fortitude, or an early Christian on the flying pan. "Yes; happy, then, to see you at any time. We can't do much about the claims, you know, for a month or two, as everything is put off till the last moment. You find Washington a very attractive, no doubt. Have you been to the patent office? No? A most intetesting place. Ah, have you been in the house yet? No? Well, let me write you a card for the members' gallery. That way, up the stairs and turn to the right. There's the card. Oh, don't mention it. Always glad to be of any service. Good day, gentlemen, good day!" And he rushed back, vanishing, like the cat in "Alice in Wonderland," in a smile.

"Now, that's kind of him," said Windward, as they turned away.

"Kind," sneered Stevens. "Neat, I should say. He evidently knows how to get rid of people handsomely."

"Now, Stevens, that isn't fair!" Windward began.

"Pshaw!" interrupted Peter. "He's a fraud, like all the rest of 'em. Why, Windward, a bill is always read a first and second time and referred to committee,' when introduced, and the whole thing is the merest formality. What he really said was that nothing had been done and nothing would be done with the claims this winter—ask McArdle if I'm not right. Oh, these shoddy statesmen! I certainly am sick of them."

"Evidently," said Windward, laughing. "Well, here are the steps—what a noble painting! 'Westward Ho!' Those old fellows were made of stern stuff. I don't care what the critics say; these paintings are grand, and so is freedom—congress and all—even if members do snub obscure claimants."

"Here is the members' gallery; it's no better than any other, but we might as well have the good of our ticket," said Stevens, bound to have his growl out.

The pass was handed to a crippled soldier, who opened the doors, and the visitors entered the chamber, and were at once overlooking a scene of indescribable hubbub. Below them on the floor was a compact mass of desks and chairs narrowing to the speaker's seat. Pages were running up and down the aisles on errands, the representatives were reading newspapers, writing letters, and telling stories, some even at lunch or at toilet; a brazen throated clerk was reading something no one regarded. Now and then a man would rise up and toss his arms and shout. Then the speaker would bang upon his desk for order, and this brief moment's lull in which a far away inarticulate voice would be heard; then the din would begin again, and the member, tossing his arms aloft once more, like a swimmer in despair, would sink and be followed by an [illegible]

"What is it all about?" asked Windward, quite bewildered.

Stevens could not tell and asked a neighbor.

"They're in the new rules," was the reply.

"I should think they needed some," said Windward.

The gallery was filled to [illegible] Windward as he surveyed the frescoed ceiling and walls, the figured marble floor, the sumptuous furniture and the well dressed people sitting or standing about.

"Take your hat off, please," said an attendant, coming up behind him.

"Excuse me," said Windward, recovering with a blush at his forgetfulness.

"We have manners on the senate side," observed Stevens, smiling.

Windward now gave his card to one of two serious and rather disingenuine looking doorkeepers, who took it in, and in a moment Senator Bills appeared, standing in the doorway and looking out on the visitors with a perplexed air.

"Ah, Mr. Senator," said Windward, stepping up. "I am Mr. Bassett."

"Good day, sir," replied the statesman, civilly but with dignity. He was a portly man, with ruddy cheeks, a man of girth and weight, and he had to a marked degree the senatorial habit of looking over his caller's head into the Twentieth century. "What can I do for you, sir?" he asked in a deep, ponderous, oracular voice.

"As possibly you remember," said Windward, "I had the pleasure of meeting you at Col. McArdle's."

"Oh, certainly," he replied, evidently failing to recall any such circumstance. "Certainly; very glad to meet you again. Come inside." And saying this, he led the young man past the doorkeepers into a marble reception room, where they found luxurious chairs.

"I took the liberty of asking your attention for a moment to the French Spoliation claims," said Windward, when they were seated. "You doubtless know of them"——

"Yes," replied the senator, with a jaded air. "I do. These claims, as you doubtless know, have been before congress for some time."

Windward indicated his knowledge of that fact.

"Mr. Sumner made a very able report on them some years ago," continued the senator. "He was an able man, a very able man. We differed frequently, but he was a very able man, and his report on the French claims was very able; a very able report."

"It strikes me so," ventured Windward.

"Yes, sir, a very able report," continued the senator, gazing well into the Twentieth century, and speaking slowly, gravely and distinctly, so that posterity might hear. "That report settled the matter; it only remains now"—he paused as if to formulate an historic utterance—"all that now remains is to enact the necessary legislation."

"Yes, sir," consented Windward meekly.

"But here," continued the senator, with his eyes fixed on 1950, "is where the difficulty lies. I think I can say, though, that the senate is favorably disposed; in fact we have passed the bill, you know, several time already."

Here he paused, and for a moment was very thoughtful; and as Windward was too wise to interrupt a publicist in his reflections, the silence of the marble room was only broken by the lively conversation of a brother senator, with a charming lady in another corner.

Mr. Bills, however, soon roused himself. "It is more difficult," he continued, "to predict its chance elsewhere. Of course I cannot say what the house may do in the matter. The house, as you know, is uncertain. It may pass the bill or—it may not."

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SENATOR DON CAMERON'S reply to the attack on him in the Philadelphia *Press* has been hailed by only the Philadelphia *Press*. That not unnatural, but an admission that the facts therein alleged and information which was within the knowledge of his constituents generally will not enjoy through constant reading of this paper. *N. Y. Press*

THE proposition made by Democratic Committee, of Meadville, to compromise with their creditors at fifty cents on the dollar, appears to be a failure as only about $600 or $2 0 creditors, only about $11 have signed the contract. Chauncey Reddy and W. P. Fiske have been elected trustees for the creditors. About $ 0 has been raised by the Democrats for all the creditors to accept. There is little probability that more than half of them will ever accept the proposition as the present time. Some of the members of the committee have not signed it.

THE Republicans of Bradford County who were beaten on their county ticket last fall owing to the method by which nominations were made, in a caucus to adopt the popular system for their primaries. An excellent and convenient law formulated a plan which gives the voter a chance to express his first and second choices, and if majorities are elected who have no choice a run-out between the voters will be had substantially the method in the House and Democratic counties. The additional ballot also prevents any office-seeker from being chairman of the County Committee and necessarily so far help him from using the influence of his position and the party machinery to effect the nomination of any office. This one change in our election laws would be a long step in the right direction and will doubtless enable the Republicans of the county who can never more than manage city or borough offices to get their local tickets in shape in which too much is sacrificed to party to suit the wishes of the people by the nominations on Saturday before who produce ballots for every person running at the election to find the number of votes cast for each candidate and took the number of the person and ticket from the list of names.

THE Lowell Journal says: "One ordinary looking boy" was the strong up of characteristics of the local editors of a great city to fill the vacancies on the staff of Chief of Police and had then also all to take their oaths of office in authority. No one who has any regard for the laws of the land can possibly like the taking of the law in their hands and meeting out the right some punishment to those who commit crime even by the best of citizens. But I don't believe that of any people were put the law into their hands they did it worse in this case. The citizens of New Orleans were confronted with a peculiar problem in which a dangerous organization was the Mafia was to go to the citizens of law and embolden by the citizens to proceed to further terrorism, or what is by an upsetting of peculiar authority this organization was to be administered in an orderly manner.

The Chief was Hennessy was to be killed in the afternoon, a most brilliant view and a most public use of lynch law must be taken of their action.

DEMOCRATIC COMMENDS.

An intelligent Washington correspondent writing from that city on the 13th inst. refers to the Cleveland Hill combination and its effect upon the future of the Democratic party as follows "If what a Democratic Senator said to me to-day is based upon truth, and he thinks it is, there are equally grave ahead for that party unless Cleveland and Hill will agree to abandon their claims to the democratic nomination, which is not very probable. "The publication of the Watterson letter to Hill, said the Senator 'which by the way I happen to know was never mailed to Hill was the first move toward carrying out a plan to kill off both Hill and Cleveland as candidates before the next Democratic national convention which is the result of a combination of forces, and defensive, that Senator Carlisle and Interstate Commerce Commissioner William R Morrison have formed for the nomination of themselves for President and Vice President at the hand of the ticket to go to the one that developes the greatest strength at the convention upon a platform of free coinage and free trade the idea being to confine the West and South against the East. And the same combination will be a factor in the Spring election but I don't think it has been fully determined which of the candidates will be best suited if support turns out to be a breach. Hills views by Cleveland and accounting upon defeat to help him so that it is possible that Crisp or a western man will be favored by the combination which as I said is by no means certain to be easily working to my information is daily growing in strength. Certain things are important in these views have occurred here recently which lead to the probability of a combination between Carlisle and Morrison both of which are known to have Presidential aspirations but which I say can command enough strength in their party to overthrow Cleveland and Hill as a house of quite another color.

He says it is thought that the Democratic press of the country has any love for the veterans who have received pensions from the government he should read the following which I clip from the New Port Advocate *Reporter* This clear at the pensioners is being very industriously circulated by the anti-democratic papers throughout the country

The country has had no war for a quarter of a century and yet

The people of the United States pay war pensions [illegible]

The people of the United States pay war pensions [illegible]

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The Penn County Times

Smethport, Pa., March 20, 1891.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

REDUCED RATES.

We will send the MINER and any paper or magazine mentioned below to one year, to any address, as follows

The MINER and Philadelphia Weekly *Press* at $1 50

The MINER and Albany Weekly *Journal* at $1 50.

The MINER and Pittsburg *Chronicle* at $1 50

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The MINER and Harrisburg Weekly *Patriot* for $1 75

The MINER and New York *Weekly Herald* for $1 80

The MINER and *Young Folks Monthly* for $2 10

The MINER and *American Home Journal* for $2 00

The MINER and *Demorest Family Magazine* for $2 10

The MINER and *National Tribune* for $2 00

The MINER and *Home Market Bulletin* for $1 70

The MINER and *Scribner's Magazine* for $3 30

—Next Friday will be good Friday

—Warm sugar parties now in order

—McKean county has 370 public school teachers and 9,697 pupils

—Tomorrow is the first day of spring

—According to the almanac

—Chas. Baker has the frame up for his residence on lower Main street

—Big trot stories will soon be in order The Front street one of its April 1 5th

—A Crawford county farmer has been arrested for shearing his sheep in February

—It is reported that 35 miles of feet of logs will reach the Williamsport boom this season.

—A cow-only acre pond bubbled up out of the 40th 160 acre county in Iowa's minimum recently

—Portland Oregon's wealthy real estate men travel but probably not much further than some in this section

—Next week is Holy or Passion Week which will be religiously observed in some of our churches

—Two severe storms are predicted for the last of this month, one entering on the 25th and one on 30th

—We are by one of our exchanges that a Greensburg Pa painter has fallen heir to $20,000 He has our sympathy

—Mrs T D Nash in the issue extends an invitation to the ladies to attend her Easter opening See advertisement

Persons wishing to buy fresh meats cheap will do well to consult the advertisement of Meek & Baker, in another column

The next great fast and one sacred to the whole human race April Fools day comes to work from next Wednesday

—There will be a warm sugar social at the W C T U rooms, Back of building Friday evening March 27 All are invited

Make your arrangements to attend the Easter ball to be given by the Smethport Military band on Monday night March 30

—The members of the Baptist Church will give a warm sugar party at the Wright House, tonight (Friday) every body invited

The M E Church social held at the residence of D K Olds, on Tuesday evening last was largely attended and proved a very pleasant affair

Mr I Sanders met with a very bad accident on Monday morning last while at work in the woods on Mill creek. A tree which he was felling struck a limb of another tree, which broke off and struck him on the head, cutting a severe gash in the scalp and rendering him unconscious for some time. He was brought to his home in this place and medical aid summoned, when it was found that no bones were broken, and that he was not seriously injured. He is now able to be around again.

—Mr Cobbins, a blind soldier, of Big Shanty McKean county, has just received through the instrumentality of Congressman Stone, of that district, a pension of forty dollars per month.

Word was received from the authorities at Quincy, Ohio, on Wednesday, announcing the capture of Bolly Mack one of the worst desperadoes found in all south Cornish. He has the jail he also Thursday afternoon

The cigarette has become so obnoxious to the public generally that a bill has been presented in the Legislature of this State to prohibit the manufacture and sale, and the burning, smoking and using of them in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

—P L Crary is making extensive improvements in his mill at Coryville. The improvements which will cost about $4,000, include the addition of a new boiler and a Dunbar lumber trimmer It is thought the mill will be in running order in about a week or ten days

—Mrs Jonathan Gifford died at her residence at Longmans, on Thursday evening last week Mrs Gifford was a very estimable lady and had many friends in this section who will hear of her death with profound regret She was a sister of Mrs P H Dimmock from 1 of this city

Next Sunday will be Palm Sunday the day sanctified to that sacred festival the custom of blessing branches of the palm tree and carrying them in procession in commemoration of the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem The custom existed as early as the 4th century

—A Mason has invented a device to prevent all of his seven hundred operatives leaving work at noon now ten dollars Each of these I have marked, so that I could be recognized By the holiday following, for I ended at three o'clock seven hundred bills had been presented at the banks by saloon keepers

Arrangements for the grand ball to be given by the Smethport Military band, the evening of Easter Monday, March 30th is about completed, and all who attend are assured a good time Tickets are placed at two dollars which includes supper That prince of caterers, J H Wright, will serve the supper

—F. C. Olds, of Farmers Valley has sold his general merchandise business to J C and E. F. Swift, who will continue the business at the old stand under the firm name of Swift Brothers. Mr. Olds retains his interest in the lumber business and will give it his undivided attention The transfer was made on Wednesday of this week.

—Our exchanges are warning their readers to look out for a gang of men traveling about the country making contracts for painting roofs. If they offer to paint your roof for 35, or any price, don't fail to ask them how much they charge for the paint they put on before you make the contract. It is in the price of the paint where the fraud exists

—William L. Yeomans, who was sold in a drunken brawl on Newell Avenue in Bradford, last Christmas, was a member of the Bradford Equitable Mutual Union A few days since his widow received a check for $2 being the full amount of his insurance The promptness with which the claims are settled by this organization is lasting commendable.

—A banquet was given by the Rochester Novelty Co. of the Wright House Emporium last week to the County Commissioners of the State About forty guests were present among whom were P M Fuller Esq A Wilcox Esq of this city The company had just completed the Cameron County Court House with clear patent roller shades filling in all &c which was made the occasion for the grand banquet.

—It is rumored, on what authority we are unable to say, that Tidal will be made the terminus of a branch of the W N Y and P R R, and that the passenger train on that road leaving Olean in the early morning will be run to Smethport The latter arrangement would be great convenience to people in this section who could then visit Buffalo and return the same day

—A lady remarked to a druggist the other day that he should turn the wrapping paper the other side out," and he was putting up her purchases in a patented wrapping paper Idiot want to be a walking advertisement to your store Read the papers, mingle with people and you do not know how much they can help you

—Naturally last winter a depth of something over four feet in other parts of the state Company will not be set on import new machinery with such facility as it went through the depth in this section and through the ice with such force as to cut down trees and throw them across the road

P F Bowen & Co of Farmers Valley have placed their business in the hands of Dunkirk N Y assignee Sale pending for future

Mr and Mrs W A Williams of Ceres and Mrs Ghar Mumford of Port Allegany left Tuesday morning for Olean to attend the funeral of Mrs Williams' father, Mr Hall

—Mr Ed Wilcox has purchased a number of the fine glass work he has been receiving in the houses.

Dr. John C Cobb spent a day or two with his family the past week He has about recovered from a good health

L. Hard keeps the boys on the move from pillar to post, regardless of interest and the feeling prevalent of the poor sinners

Our new Chief of Police captured a couple of stray dogs the other day and placed them in the pen by the side of the Bull and Bear

Swanson & Co have not decided on the they will remain there this month step on which work they have destroyed by fire the last month

We take our sincere thanks and pass not without the Chicago chicken that was on the bill of fare on the table at our home on Sunday last

Burgess Gunsaulus of Bradford last week Dr. Gunsaulus is the wife-beater and better remember Baker will build a three story brick block adjoining the McDade block on Main street

George Hilgens of the law firm of Hilgens & Allen Warren Pa was in Ceres on some legal business last week, and registered at the Lawton

Robert Larson, the Grit's hustling agent sold two hundred and thirty copies of that sheet Saturday in Ceres borough It is another in the business manager

A N Jones, the genial clerk at the Thompson House, has been sick for a day or two in bed with the Dr. Pierson and will be on duty again in a few days

D Kelly of the firm of Kay Brothers, has returned from a visit to Eastern cities where he purchased a large stock of goods for the coming spring trade

Our readers the fact that we are going to issue a special edition on Saturday next, and that we will be pleased to receive any items of interest from any part of the county

Lewis Briggs, one of the oldest merchants in Ceres, moves on the western limits of the village, will shortly be retired and quit business all as a farmer

Our thanks are due to Mr. Ed Wilcox for a basket of fine apples, which we found to be very acceptable

Mr. Ed Gaskill, who has been running the engine at the Ceres Tannery, has been promoted to the position of foreman of the tannery, and Mr. Burns, Pa., has will go to Mt

H Gaskill is spending a few days in Olean with friends

Mr. Armstrong, who has been confined to the house for the past week with a severe cold, is able to be out again

Mrs. Ed Gaskill is spending a few days with friends in Olean

Miss Lucy Wilcox, who has been visiting friends in Olean, returned home on Saturday last

MERCANTILE APPRAISEMENT.

The members of Bovaglia and Bonaventa Merchandise, Grocers, Bookstore and Schools, Real Estate Agents, Billiard Tables, Excelsior Mineral Spring, in the County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, will

TAKE NOTICE

that they have been appraised and assessed by the undersigned Appraiser of Mercantile and Other Licenses Taxes

For the Year 1891,

as follows, to wit:

ANNIN TOWNSHIP.

Custer Point.

Class.	Name.	Fees.
11	Cooper, M S & Co	$ 7 50
11	Taylor, Geo	7 50

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.

Custer City.

11	Congdon, D B & Co	7 50
11	Chesney, W J	7 50
11	Parkin, L	7 50
14	Philadelphia Salt	

Gifford.

11	Shumway, Bell & Co	7 50

Stony Bird.

11	Kinsman, D B	7 50

Weedsport.

11	Silsbaree, Bell & Co	7 50

BRADFORD.

14	Alling, H W, Jeweler dealer	7 50
14	Allen, G W	7 50
14	Amsbaugh, M	7 50
14	Annette, J	7 50
14	Bauman & Davis	10 00
14	Bellaby & McCulloch	7 50
14	Bradley, Orrin K	7 50
14	Bradley, Geo A	10 00
14	Bradley & Sayhams	7 50
14	Brown, T B	7 50
14	Bradford Stove Co	10 00
14	Bradburn, C L	7 50
14	Bradley, P E & Co, Jeweler	7 50
14	Bradford Cigar Works	7 50
14	Brand, C H	7 50
14	Bradford Iron Co	10 00
14	Brandstadt, J M	7 50
14	Blair, Jas B	10 00
14	Bullock, Amos	7 50
14	Barwald, S	7 50
14	Bennett, D G	7 50
14	Bayles & Williams	7 50
14	Crosdon, Miss A	7 50
14	Cole, C W	7 50
14	Carnahan, J E	7 50
14	Cohen, M	7 50
14	Callender & Cochran	7 50
14	Crum, J Frank	7 50
14	Collins, N E & Co	10 00
14	Chesney, L W & Co	7 50
14	Cohen, M	7 50
14	Case & Barnes	7 50
14	Crum, Wm, Dec'd	10 00
14	Crum, Ed, Sold	10 00
14	Crellin, Wm D	7 50
14	Chamberlain & Co	7 50
14	Chamberlain & Co, C L	7 50
14	Clarke, W E	7 50
14	Davis, W E	7 50
14	Hutchinson, W J	7 50
14	Hutchinson & Son	7 50
14	Hallock & Newell	7 50
14	Irwin & Cornell	7 50
14	Irvine, D F	10 00
14	Ickesby, J	7 50
14	Fritz, Lee & Rice	7 50
14	Emery, L, Jr, & Co	7 50
14	Frost, F	7 50
14	Flanagan, J	7 50
14	Fehlenbaum, H	7 50
14	Fritts, J W	7 50
14	Frank, F	7 50
14	Fenton, Joel	7 50
14	Emery, L, Jr, & Co	10 00
14	Gordon & Dygert	10 00
14	Wagner & Sons	10 00

Real Estate Dealers.

11	Clough, L J	$ 5 00
11	Chesney, W J	15 00
11	Parkin, L	10 00
14	Philadelphia Salt	
11	Elliott, D O & Son	10 00
19	Butterwood, M C	5 00

Hotels.

14	Anderson, F D, Main street	50 00
14	Burt, J D, Westside street	30 00
14	Barnes, D E, Webster street	30 00
14	Commonwealth, The, Mechanic street	50 00
14	Crosdon, D L, Davis street	30 00
14	Ford, J S, Court of Public Square	50 00
14	Green, Chas, Water street	50 00
14	Gallagher & Bowden, Main street	50 00
14	Hubbell, Fred, Main street	30 00
14	Johnson, D L, Main street	30 00
14	Kearney, Morris, Pine street	50 00
14	Kelley, E F, Main street	50 00
14	Mulligan, P, Mechanic street	30 00
14	McGlothlin, W C, Main street	30 00
14	Mahoney, P E, Court of Public Square	50 00
14	Schaffer & Griffin, Main street	30 00

Petroleum Brokers.

14	Hopkinson, W S	7 50
14	Hopkinson, W S	7 50
14	Hanson & Bean	7 50
14	Hayes, Jos	7 50
14	Hyde, Jas	7 50
14	Hamilton, J M	7 50
14	Hamilton, J C	7 50
14	Hutchinson, W J	7 50
14	Hallock & Newell	7 50
14	Hutchinson & Son	7 50
14	Irwin & Cornell	7 50
14	Irvine, D F	10 00
14	Ickesby, J	7 50
14	Johnson, D L	30 00
9	Kilgore, H	7 50

Bowling Alley.

9	Goodrich & Dygert	30 00

Opera House.

9	Wagner & Sons	50